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SUBJECT, IRANIAN MANPOWER DELEGATION VISITS KOREA

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1. AN IRANIAN MANPOWER DELEGATION HEADED BY VICE MINISTER OF LABOR FERRIDUM NASSERI AND INCLUDING F.A. TABRIZI, DIRECTOR OF POPULATION, HUMAN RESOURCES, PLAN, AND BUDGET; A. SATRAP OF IRANIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE; AND MR. AHARAJORIA OF IRANIAN RED CROSS VISITED KOREA JANUARY 10-13. PURPOSE OF TRIP WAS TO EXAMINE POSSIBILITY OF RECRUITING KOREAN TECHNICIANS IN TELECOMMUNICATIONS, PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES, AND CONSTRUCTION FOR IRAN.

2. PRESS GAVE VISIT MUCH PUBLICITY CLAIMING THAT POTENTIALLY UP TO 90,000 JOBS FOR KOREANS MAY BE INVOLVED. PARTY WAS WINED AND DINED IN BEST KOREAN TRADITION AND RECEIVED BY FOREIGN MINISTER, MINISTER OF HEALTH-
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SOCIAL AFFAIRS, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF OFFICE OF LABOR

AFFAIRS (OLA) AND CHAIRMAN OF KOREAN OVERSEAS
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION WHICH IS GOVERNMENT CORPORATION
RESPONSIBLE FOR ARRANGING OVERSEAS LABOR CONTRACTS.

3. ACCORDING TO OLA OFFICIALS, ACTUAL IRANIAN
COMMITMENT RATHER VAGUE WITH NO SPECIFIC FIGURES
MENTIONED FOR KOREA, BUT EXPECTATIONS RUNNING ABOUT
6-7,000. THE MATTER OF RECRUITMENT AND
NUMBERS OF RECRUITS ACTUALLY INVOLVED WILL BE SUBJECT
TO FURTHER STUDIES BY BOTH GOVERNMENTS TO START WITHIN
NEXT SIX MONTHS.

4. COMMENT: IN LIGHT OF DETERIORATING UNEMPLOYMENT
SITUATION, ROKG IS MORE THAN ANXIOUS TO ADVERTISE
FUTURE EMPLOYMENT POSSIBILITIES ABROAD FOR MIDDLE
LEVEL SURPLUS TECHNICIANS. HOWEVER, ROKG HAS AS YET
NO CLEAR IDEA AS TO EXACT SPECIFICATIONS OF THE
TECHNICIANS REQUESTED BY THE IRANIANS AND TO WHAT
EXTENT SUCH SKILLS ARE FREELY AVAILABLE IN KOREA.
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